POCAHONTAS COUNTY

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CHURCHES NOW ON THE HUNTERSVILLE CIRCUIT
since 1939

1. Huntersville originally an M. P. South
2. Minnehaha Springs " " " " "
3. Mount Carmel- Knapps Creek - " "
4. Mt. Zion M. E. and Bethel M. E. South- In Hills
5. Clawson)
6. Fairview)
7. Central Union)
8. Beaver Creek) All original M. P. Churches
9. Cummings Creek)
10. Douthards Creek-school house)
11. Mountain Grove, Virginia.

Pastors of the Huntersville Circuit

G. R. Neese, W. H. Ballengee, C. A. Joyce, Thomas Cooper, George W. Bogle, Henry Lawson, J. D. Pope, C. C. Lambert, T. J. Lambert, Thomas Morgan 1910-1912, J. Chester Crothers 1912, E. D. Swecker 1913, William A. Fisher 1915, J. W. Leggett, 1917-1918; C. E. N. Hall, 1919; Elmer C. Sloan, 1920; Palmer Dubank, 1920- 22; Benj. King, 1925; Mack Thomason, 1926-27; A. W. Hinton, 1928; E. W. Brubaker, 1933-34; H. B. Smith, 1933-34; W. B. Mundy, 1934-35; Hugh L. Shiley, S. R. Simpson, 1939-40; and the present one who just came is M. N. Denaven.

-from- church records

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Clawson M. P. Church

This society was organized by Rev. Howard Underwood in 1908, and the church which is a neat frame building, was built under the pastorate of Rev. D. T. Tharp in 1909. Rev. John A. Perry is a leader in this society. This church is located on the C &O railroad about five miles north of Marlinton near Thorny Creek station. The parsonage of the Marlinton circuit is located at the Clawson church.

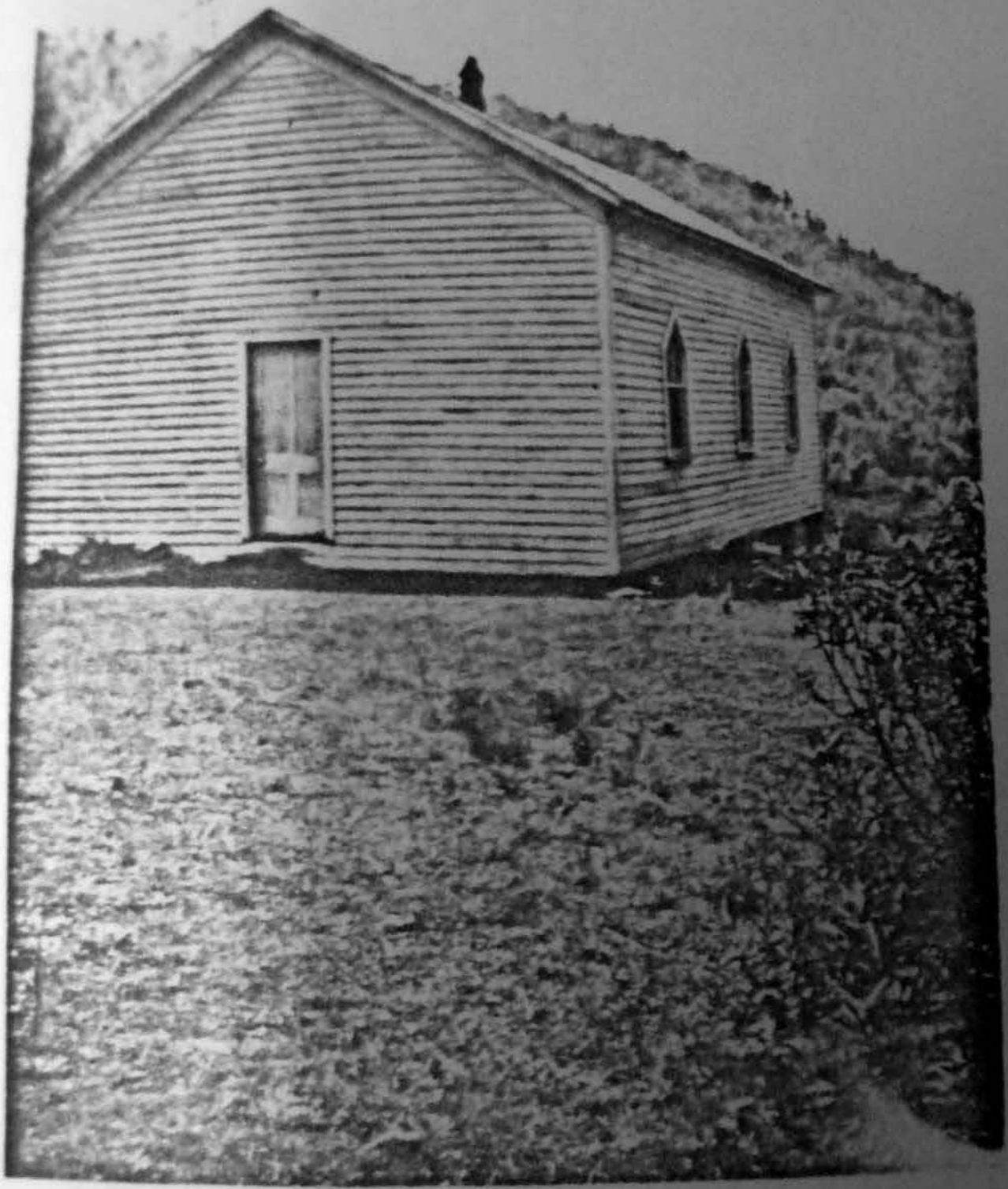
From- Hist.of the M. P. Church

Barnes

The records show a membership of 28 from the time of its organization in 1908 to 1930, with the Friels, Carrs, Dilleys and Jacksons predominating. At the present time Mrs. Amanda Dilley and Walter Jackson are leaders in this church. In 1934 there were 18 members.

Some of the ministers who have preached at this church are: Paul Riegel, M. S. Overholt, H. D. Sloan, Ritchie Smalley, H. T. Hileman and the present one S. R. Simpson.

(Rev. Simpson tells me that this church is merely hanging on, and is a very week church. They do not pay enough on his salary to pay his expenses to come over there to preach.)



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TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH- FROST

The first church services held in the vacinity of Frost were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, the pioneers, who located at Frost in 1802. Mrs. Sharp was a relative of Rev. John S. Blaine, one of the pioneer Presbyterian pastors in our county. Just how soon after they established their home, they began holding religious services is not known, but services were held in their home for many years.

Then the school house was used for many years. In the 1880's J. B. Hannah saw the need of a church at Frost, so he gave the lot and $500. toward the building of a church. He also gave the lot upon which the parsonage was built.

The contract called for the completion of the church and ready for occupancy by October 15, 1887, but if was not completed and dedicated until the spring of 1888. Other contributors were: Rev. G. Spencer $100. , H. B. Houdyshell $50., L. W. Herold $30., W. A. G. Sharp $27., O. B. Sharp $20., A. Herold $17. Dr. Charles Guinn and I. B. Moore each $12., D. C. Hedrick, J. S. Wickline, W. A. Sharp, G. F. Moore, G. R. Reese, Henry Barlow, George W. Arbogast, Eliza Moore, E. M. Hannah, and Peter Sharp each $10., D. W. Hill, A. M. Chappell, S. B. Moore, I. W. Allen, A. C. Wade, R. M. Burns, W. H. Dilley, Clayton Dilley, Armeneus Buzzard, Peter McCarty, and Frances Dever each $5., a total of $711.00

The church was to be dedicated on May 16, 1888 and people were busily preparing for the day when came the news of the death of J. B. Hannah who had worked so hard and given so much that this church could be built. On May 14th this good man passed away, seeing his work almost completed, but not quite. His funeral services were held in the church before it was dedicated, making it the first service ever held in this church.

Trinity Church, the new and elegant house of worship recently erected at Frost, through the efforts of the late J. B. Hannah and others was dedicated last Sabbath . The opening prayer was offered by Rev. William T. Price. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Neice of Monroe County, from Galatians 6:2"Bear ye one anothers burdens." The dedicatory ritual was also performed by him. The attendance was exceedingly large and orderly, and the ministers alluded to the appearence of the audience in a very complimentary manner. There were six ministers present. Along with those already mentioned were Revs. Myers, William and Oscar Sharp, and Rev G. Spencer, the minister in charge under whose personal auspices the church was built and dedicated.

I believe Neice is correct

The edifice presents a very handsome contour, lighted by stained windows of tasteful style and illuminated with lamps of newest pattern. Touching illusions were made to the lamented J. B. Hannah to whom the community was so largely indebted for this beautiful place of peayer and praise. He sleeps in a lonely grave on a knoll just overlooking the church and his charming home and beautiful surroundings.

oo An old church record owned by G. M. Sharp shows the class leaders and the pastors for the years 1881 to 1909 inclusive

Year	Class leader	Pastor
1881	Aaron Rider	D. C. Hedrick
1882	W. A. Sharp	D. C. Hedrick
1883	Aaron Rider	D. W. Hill
1884	O. B. Sharp	R. R. Little
1885	J. B. Hannah	Remus H. Clark
1886	J. B. Hannah	Remus H. Clark
1887	J. B. Hannah	George Spencer
1888	J. B. Hannah (died)	George Spencer
1889	O. W. Sharp	George Spenser
1890	O. W. Sharp	George Hannah
1891	Samuel D. Sharp	George Hannah
1892	O. B. Sharp	G. S. Weiford
1893	O. B. Sharp	E. H. Lambert
1894	O. B. Sharp	C. M. Fultz
1895	O. B. Sharp	O. N. Pullen
1897	O. B. Sharp	O. N. Pullen
1909	O. B. Sharp	J. R. Humes

Some of the ministers who have served this church since 1909 are Don Nicholas, P. Arbogast, R. N. Rutlidge, I. E. Lewis, J. M. Hypes, A. C. Bell, Robert Greynols, and Howard Wriston.

In 1936 a Ladies Aid Society was organized with Mrs. H. L. Schofield as President. There were 25 members. Others who have been presidents of this organization are Vesta Sharp, Dessa Sharp, and Ena Buzzard. There are now 30 members. This organization has been one of the best of its kind in the county. The women who are members have always worked together for the best interest of the church and the community. They sponsor church suppers, do quilting, have grab bag sales, rummage sales, give their

money for all the eggs their hens lay on Sunday to the church, and pay ten cents per month dues. Ten percent of all they made went to the preachers salary, and the remainder to repair the church or what ever they think needed to be done.

During the two years 1936 to 1938 the people of the community, through the sponsorship of the Ladies Aid, had some much needed repair done on the church. A concrete walk was built to the entrance, the building ceiled, new floors laid, foundation repaired, electric lights installed, a piano bought, a new flue built, the old gallery ceiled up and Sunday School rooms built where the vestibule was, repairs that amounted to around $1660.00 The old parsonage which had not been used as a parsonage since 1920 was also sold for $282. and $100. of that spent on the church at Frost. The remainder of the repair expenses were paid by the people of the community mostly through the efforts of the Ladies Aid. On August 14, 1938 the church was rededicated. Rev. A. E. Bell was pastor in charge. Former pastors who were present were: H. Blackhurst, Don Nicholas, and C. C. Arbogast. The afernoon address was delivered by Governor G. M. Kump. G. M. Sharp gave a short historical sketch of the church. A large crowd attended.

The Ladies Aid has just recently been reorganized according to the new missionary society of the united Methodist churches.

From 1888 to 1920 the pastors resided at the parsonage at Frost. Since that time the Frost church has been a part of the Arbovale circuit and the pastors have resided in the parsonage at Arbovale. In 1939 the parsonage was sold to E. G. Sharp for $282. by Owen Kader, Charles Wilfong, Adolphus Sheare, Ashby Sharp, and Oliver Sprouse, trustees.

The present trustees are Ashby Sharp, Kent Chestnut, Oliver Sprouse, Henderson Sharp, and Ledford Shrader. The Stewards are Mrs. Bessie Chestnut, Oliver Sprouse, Ledford Shrader and Dewey McCarty.

Other leaders in the church have been and are Ernest Sharp and family, Aaron Sharp and family, Walter Hively, Ellis Bussard and Goldie Sharp.

* History of Pocahontas- Price

\# Pocahontas Times - 1888 when it was published at Huntersville by Canfield. This clipping was kept by Mrs. J. C. Harper only surviving child of J. B. Hannah.

Pocahontas Times--Aug. 18, 1938

o o From- Records in possesbon of G. M. Sharp

\#\# From-- Mrs. Dolsie Hively

elected President and ... wife were sent to ...

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY

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HISTORY of the HUNTERSVILLE CIRCUIT
MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Auxiliary of the Huntersville Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. Jennie Cooper in the year of 1906. She was elected president and served two years until they moved from this circuit. Under her leadership the Society grew and prospered. She also organized a Young Peoples Society.

In 1908, Mrs. Fannie Doyle was elected President and served for several years. From 1906 to 1920, the dues were twenty cents per member, sixty per cent being kept at home and forty per cent for foreign work. The enrollment of our society was very small at this time. We had two active members on Browns Mountain--Mrs. Amos McLaughlin and Mrs. G. M. Ervine. All worked together and held bazaars, suppers, etc., to pay $100.00 on the re-building of the tower of the Methodist church, we also had it re-modeled on the inside and surrounded by a good fence.

There were several presidents during this time but we have no exact record of the work. Mrs. W. H. Grose and Mrs. A. P. McLaughlin both served well and faithfully as presidents. There may have been others, also.

In 1918, Rev. C. E. N. Hall and his wife were sent to this work, and Mrs. Hall was elected President and gave one years faithful service. In 1919, Mrs Doyle was elected President and served two years. Then Mrs. Elmer Moore became our President and is serving at

the present time (1929). Mrs. W. H. Grose has served as Corresponding Secretary for the last ten years. Mrs. Joe Loury served as Treasurer for ten years, and Mrs. Price Sheets has served in that office for almost two years.

The following women have served as District Secretaries: Mrs. Gussie Payne, 1892; Mrs.W. H. Ballengee, 1894; Mrs. T. H. Smith, 1896; Mrs. V. H. Wheeler, 1905; Miss Alma Johnson, 1912; Mrs. S. E. Neel, 1913; Mrs. W. J. Yeager, 1918 to the present time.

In 1914 at our anual meeting held at Alexanderia, Va. the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies were combined, the dues being $3.00 per year, of which sixty per cent goes to the foreign work and forty per cent to the Home work. We also have a pledge each year which is a voluntary offering. The Auxiliary is now in a more flourishing state than it has ever been in its history.

The present members are: Mrs Elmer Moore, Pres.; Mrs. A. P. McLaughlin, Vice-President; Mrs W. H. Grose, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Price Sheets, Treasurer; Mrs. E. M. Spedden; Mrs. J. G. Sharp; Mrs. A. P. Rexrode; Mrs. Sidney Wilson; Mrs. J. J. Loury; Mrs. C.P. Whitt; Mrs. C. M. Jordan;. Honorary Members: W. H. Grose; J. C. Loury, and Rev. A. W. Henton. Life Members: Mrs. E. M. Spedden, Mrs. W. H. Grose,Adults; Charles Moore, Jane Moore, Mary Eubank, and Elva Eubank Juniors.

Rev. Palmer Eubank, Rev. Mack Thomason, and our present pastor Rev. A. W. Henton have always been a help and a wonderful inspiration to the Society. A more loyal, faithful and willing band of women cannot be found.

About 1920, our Society was organized into a Circuit Society,

members from four appointments joining our Auxiliary. We have the honor of being the first Circuit Society in the Baltimore Conference.

Last year was our Jubilee Year, the fiftieth anniversary of our Missionary Society's organization. We have had many dissapointments and discouragements at times, but over and above all there has been the joy of working with the women in His vineyard, and knowing that the Heavenly Father has been with us all the way.

Mrs. S. P. Sheets
Mrs. W. H. Grose } Historians